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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-20 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-3,5-9,11,13 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10,12,14 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 15,16 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Claim number 17 is missing, if it is advertently omitted, the rest of the claims need to be renumbered accordingly.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 10, 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by French et al., U.S. Patent # 6,825,726 B2.

Fig. 3 of French et al. discloses a circuit comprising: A ripple suppression circuit (223 especially 226) for connection between a power supply (212) and a class D

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amplifier (204, see abstract), the ripple suppression circuit comprising a linearly controlled voltage controller (see spec. col. 12, line 51 – col. 13, line 13).

Regarding claim 14, a power supply port (212); a bridge circuit with at least one pair of switches (204, see abstract); and a ripple suppression circuit (223 especially 226) for suppressing voltage ripples in a supply voltage (212) supplied to the bridge circuit with at least one pair of switches via the voltage supply port; wherein the ripple suppression circuit is arranged between the power supply port and the bridge circuit with at least one pair of switches; and wherein the ripple suppression circuit comprises a linearly controlled voltage controller (see spec. col. 12, line 51 – col. 13, line 13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over French et al., U.S. Patent # 6,825,726 B2.

Although French et al. does not mention about the power transistors and the ripple suppression circuit are integrated in a module or integrated circuit, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to integrate the power transistors and the ripple suppression circuit in a module or

integrated circuit in order to have a compact, light weight, and convenient circuit since this is a well known practice in the art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15, 16, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 13, and 20 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent # 6,138,042 contains some limitations of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PATRICIA T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-1768. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on 571-272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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